

totally unworkable system, a matter of geography, not a matter of manpower or efficiency. The judge sits in Cumberland frequently. They can use three judges there.

The main thing is there is a judge up there, somebody who is available to sign orders, who resides there. On almost all occasions you can get hold of him as necessary to get the work done. If you did not do this, you would have an almost unworkable situation.

I regret the fact that we only have six lawyers, we could use twelve, but we seem to be stuck with six. I hate to think what would happen if all of them had to go through the arduous difficulty of sixty miles to the nearest judge.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before voting on this question, I think the Chair should announce or state to you the purport of the other two amendments which I think are directed at the same end and which I will at the appropriate time suggest be presented together. One is a substitute for the other.

In view of Delegate Bamberger's explanation of the purpose of his amendment, I do not think that these two other amendments are properly substitutes for his amendment. However, if his amendment should prevail, I think it would be necessary to rephrase somewhat the other two amendments and the Chair would be disposed to give the sponsors an opportunity to do that.

One of the amendments would provide in line 12 of this same section after the word "county," add the words "who shall preside over a division of the Superior Court in that county." So that instead of taking out the sentence that would be taken out by Amendment No. 7, the sentence would read "There shall be at least one Superior Court judge resident in each county who shall preside over a division of the Superior Court in that county."

The other amendment would not change that sentence but would add a new sentence at the same place, that is, after the word "county" in line 12, the new sentence to read "A Superior Court judge shall sit regularly in each county."

Is there any further discussion of Amendment No. 7?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

Delegate Bothe.

DELEGATE BOTHE: I have a question of Chairman Mudd.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MUDD: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bothe.

DELEGATE BOTHE: Could you tell me how many counties there are presently in the State which cannot support services of at least one superior court judge?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair is at a loss. What do you mean not support?

DELEGATE BOTHE: Enough judicial business to justify the full time services of at least one Superior Court judge.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Every county now has a judge and if Delegate Bamberger has some information to the effect that there is insufficient business in some of these counties to support the need for a resident judge that has not been made available to our Committee within the present trend of assigning judges to other counties where the work load is greater and utilizing manpower from the counties where the case load may be less.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bothe, perhaps if I rephrase the question to ask you this, do you know how many counties there are with more than one judge at the present time?

DELEGATE MUDD: May I check with my staff man? He may have some figures on that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Delegate Bothe, we can think of twelve counties at the moment with only one judge.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: I would like to ask Delegate Bamberger a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bamberger, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE MASON: Delegate Bamberger, would your amendment mean that in Baltimore City we could be without a resident Superior Court judge?